

CARLSBAD *Currents*

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Welcome to Carlsbad Currents, an at-a-glance resource for the latest city news, issues and events. Want more information? Visit the City of Carlsbad website at www.carlsbadca.gov.



City programs for adults 50+ *good for mind and body*

Active adults can exercise their minds and bodies through a wide variety of specialized programs offered by the City of Carlsbad:

- Why not try a fitness class at one of the city's three community centers? Those interested in a high-energy workout can try cardio sculpt, Jazzercise or Zumba Fitness, which incorporates Latin beats and dance moves. Several unique, free or low-cost classes, like laughter yoga and soccer golf, are regularly offered at the Carlsbad Senior Center.
- Looking for something to strengthen body, mind and spirit? Tai Chi, yoga and qi-gong are more meditative forms of exercise that work to improve balance and flexibility.
- The city also offers a variety of adult dance classes, from country line dancing, to belly dancing, to salsa and meringue and traditional Hawaiian dance. No partner required!
- The Carlsbad Senior Center features a modern 1,202 square-foot fitness room exclusively for adults 50 and older. Day passes are \$4 for Carlsbad residents; monthly, quarterly or annual passes are also available.
- Looking for a great read and lively discussions? Join one of the library's five book clubs.
- Need to brush up your computer skills? Take a free basic Internet, Beginning Word or MS Office basics class at the library, or try more specialized classes at the Carlsbad Senior Center, like Brain Fitness or digital photography.
- Learn about your family history and meet new friends through the city's popular genealogy program, offered through the Carlsbad City Library.
- Finally, sit back, relax and be entertained by attending a Carlsbad Playreaders event or one of the library's free Wednesday night movies.

For more information on these programs and classes, visit www.carlsbadca.gov or call the city's Parks & Recreation Department at **760-602-4650** or the Carlsbad City Library at **760-602-2038**.

Learn more about your city:

sign up for Citizens Academy

Want to get a behind the scenes look at how your city operates? Sign up for Citizens Academy, a free seven week course that allows participants to:

- Meet City Council members, department heads and staff
- Learn how decisions are made, how city funds are allocated and how departments operate
- Enjoy comprehensive overviews of departments and programs and services
- Discover the current status and future plans for Carlsbad's development, traffic, growth management, recreation, the environment and other topics
- Tour city facilities
- Become an informed, involved citizen



Applications are being accepted for the next session, starting March 24. Classes meet Thursday evenings and for one daytime bus tour. Space is limited. Call 760-434-2800 today for information and registration.

Ask the City



The city answers questions from residents.

How can I get rid of stuff too big for my trash cans?

The City of Carlsbad provides free curbside pick up five times a year for large and bulky items.

The next date is:

Pick up: **Saturday, March 19**

Reservations: Feb. 28 to March 7

Call Waste Management, the city's trash contractor, at **760-929-9400**, or go online, <http://northcounty.wm.com/>, for a reservation.

For additional dates and a list of items accepted please visit www.carlsbadca.gov/environmental or call **760-602-4646**.



Fun and free city events

Here's a sampling of the many fun and interesting city events and activities. For a complete, searchable calendar of events and meetings, visit the city's website, www.carlsbadca.gov.

2011 Juried Biennial Exhibition

Now through March 18

Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, 1 – 5 p.m.

William D. Cannon Art Gallery, Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), 760-602-2021

Open to artists who live, work or have a studio in San Diego County, this exhibition, juried by Peter Frank, senior curator at the Riverside Museum of Art, and Larry Baza, co-director of Noel-Baza Art Gallery in San Diego, includes work by 61 regional artists.



This Is Jazz!

Saturday March 5, April 9 and May 21, 4 p.m.

Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), 760-434-2920

Jazz expert Dirk Sutro and guest performers trace the history of America's great contribution to music.

Community Play Date

Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m. – noon

Stagecoach Community Center, 760-602-4690

Sample classes, camps and activities offered at your community center.

Cinema Society of Carlsbad

Saturday, March 12, 2 p.m.

Carlsbad City Library (Dove Lane), 760-602-2012

Free screening of the award-winning foreign film *The Necessities of Life*.

Carlsbad Reads Together

April 2011

All three Carlsbad City Library locations, 760-602-2012

A communitywide reading event featuring Julia Child's *My Life in France*, with book discussions, foodie films, French music and more.



Village event has international flair, fun for the whole family

It's a small world in the Carlsbad Village on Saturday, March 19! The City of Carlsbad, Village businesses and community partners will celebrate world cultures through activities for all ages:

- Live music and performances
- Story telling
- Hands-on art
- Shopping
- Jump houses and other children's activities
- World cuisine, available at local restaurants



Experience the World in the Village

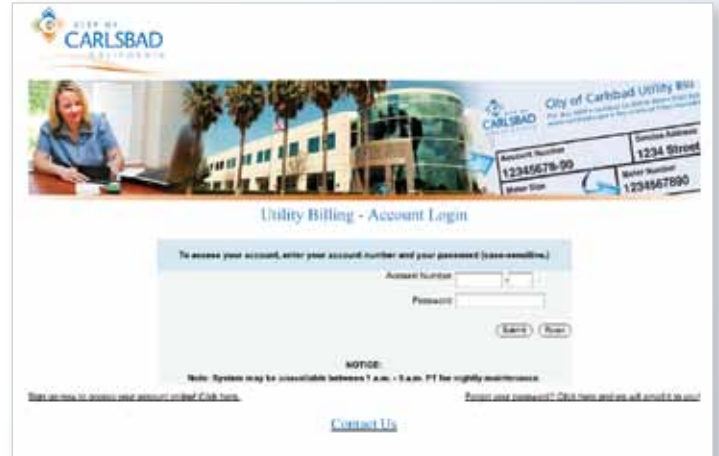
Saturday, March 19
1 to 5 p.m.

For more information, visit the city's website, www.carlsbadca.gov, or call 730-434-2815.

Save time, pay utility bills online <https://waterbill.carlsbadca.gov>

Signing up is easy: A valid e-mail address and your bill in hand—it only takes a few minutes!

- Check your billing and usage history
- Pay your bill
- Have your blue City of Carlsbad bill ready and click “sign up now” on the Web page
- Enter your information exactly how it appears on your bill
- Use a valid e-mail address
- Use the ZIP code from the mailing address
- If you need help, call **760-602-2420**



New street lights save energy and money

The city is in the process of switching out all 7,000 of its street lights with new energy efficient bulbs, which will save nearly \$300,000 a year in taxpayer money from lower energy and maintenance costs. Once the new lights are in place, the city will see a reduction of 1,240 tons a year of greenhouse gas emissions, the equivalent of taking 170 cars off the road for a year, or planting 124,000 trees.

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What's the **phone number** for...

City Hall	760-434-2820
Abandoned vehicles (public streets)	760-931-2289
Trash service/dump information	760-929-9400
Non-emergency police	760-931-2197
Barking dog complaints	760-438-2312
Graffiti removal	760-434-6700
Department of Motor Vehicles	800-777-0133
Storm water hotline	760-602-2799

For a complete list of commonly requested phone numbers, click on “Carlsbad A-Z” on the city’s home page, www.carlsbadca.gov. Not sure who to call? You can always call City Hall during regular business hours, and we’ll get you to the right place.



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